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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM WARREN CHRISTOPER

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SUBJECT: EVENING READING

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF FRIDAY'S EVENING READING:

1. HUNGARIAN CROWN. THE KANSAS FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT THIS AFTERNOON DENIED SENATOR DOLE'S REQUEST FOR AN INJUNCTION AGAINST RETURN OF THE CROWN AND ALSO DENIED A STAY PENDING APPEAL. DOLE IS FILING AN IMMEDIATE APPEAL IN THE 10TH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS IN DENVER. WE HAVE LAWYERS IN DENVER READY TO OPPOSE THE APPEAL AND SEEK A DECISION ON IT BY JANUARY 1, SO THAT ULTIMATE DISPOSITION BY THE SUPREME COURT CAN OCCUR BY NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 3.

2. TONGSUN PARK AGREEMENT CONCLUDED. AGREEMENT WITH THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT ON THE TONGSUN PARK MATTER HAS FINALLY BEEN REACHED, AND WILL BE SIGNED IN SEOUL BY AMBASSADOR
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SNEIDER AND KOREAN FOREIGN MINISTER PAK AT 7:30 P-M. TONIGHT WASHINGTON TIME. BEN CIVILETTI HAS BRIEFED KEY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND THE LEADERSHIP WHO HAVE BEEN GENERALLY UNDERSTANDING. NEVERTHELESS, LEON JAWORSKI HAS CHOSEN TO DENOUNCE THE ARRANGEMENTS AND WE ANTICIPATE CONSIDERABLE SNIPING.

THE FINAL IMPASSE INVOLVED EFFORTS BY TONGSUN PARK AND HIS AMERICAN COUNSEL (HUNDLEY) TO EXTRACT A CONCESSION ON PARK'S TAX PROBLEMS. ONLY AFTER JUSTICE WAS ABLE TO OBTAIN FIRM WRITTEN ASSURANCES OF TONGSUN PARK'S ADHERENCE TO THE COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE KOREAN GOVERNMENT DID WE AUTHORIZE SNEIDER TO PROCEED.

3. MOZAMBIQUE. WE ARE MOVING TO ARRANGE ADDITIONAL AID FOR MOZAMBIQUE IN LINE WITH THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO MACHEL. LAST MONDAY, AID FORWARDED NOTIFICATIONS OF OUR INTENDED ASSISTANCE TO REFUGEES TO THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEES AND CONSULTATIONS WERE BEGUN WITH KEY CONGRESSMEN AND STAFF.

THE OVERALL REACTION WAS FAVORABLE, BUT BOTH DAN INOUE AND CLARENCE LONG OBJECTED TO OUR GOING AHEAD WITH THE AID TO MOZAMBIQUE PRIOR TO THE RETURN OF CONGRESS. LONG BELIEVES THE TWO-WEEK NOTIFICATION SHOULD OCCUR WHILE THE HOUSE IS IN SESSION, AND HE IS SENDING A LETTER TO JACK GILLIGAN FORMALLY REQUESTING AID TO DEFER. WHEN DICK MOOSE TELEPHONED LONG YESTERDAY TO ATTEMPT TO TURN HIM AROUND, LONG REPLIED THAT HIS FOREIGN OPERATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE WOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER CONTROVERSIAL AND HE DID NOT FEEL HE COULD APPROVE IT ON THE SUBCOMMITTEE'S BEHALF. AS WE CONTINUE TO WORK ON THIS PROBLEM, WE ARE ENDEAVORING TO ARRANGE ADDITIONAL PL-480 FOOD ASSISTANCE.

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4. CONGRESSIONAL TRAVEL. THE DEPARTMENT HAS HELPED MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO WILL BE TRAVELLING ABROAD DURING THE FIRST TWO WEEKS OF JANUARY. SIX MAJOR TRIPS ARE ABOUT TO GET UNDERWAY. THE LARGEST CONTINGENT OF CONGRESSMEN, LED BY HIRC CHAIRMAN CLEM ZABLOCKI, DEPARTS FOR TUNISIA, SYRIA, EGYPT, JORDAN, SAUDI ARABIA AND ISRAEL ON JANUARY 2. SENATOR CRANSTON WILL ALSO LEAVE ON MONDAY WITH A GROUP OF TEN SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN FOR CHINA. A DOZEN CONGRESSMEN FROM THE HIRC ASIAN SUBCOMMITTEE AND NARCOTICS SELECT COMMITTEE, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF LESTER WOLFF, WILL VISIT JAPAN, THE PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE. SENATORS HARRISON WILLIAMS AND TED STEVENS HEAD A GROUP OF SIX SENATORS WHO ARE TRAVELLING TO GERMANY, INDIA, IRAN, SYRIA, SAUDI ARABIA, GREECE AND TURKEY. CONGRESSMAN REUSS AND A FURTHER GROUP OF TEN CONGRESSMEN ARE NOW IN LATIN AMERICA ON A TRIP THAT WILL TAKE THEM TO CUBA, COLOMBIA, PERU, ARGENTINA, CHILE AND BRAZIL. FINALLY, SENATORS BAKER, GARN AND CHAFEE WILL LEAVE SOON FOR A SHORT TRIP TO PANAMA, COLOMBIA AND MEXICO. THE DEPARTMENT IS PROVIDING A STAFF MEMBER TO ACCOMPANY MOST OF THESE GROUPS; IN OTHER CASES,

EMBASSY PERSONNEL WILL HANDLE BRIEFINGS AND ARRANGEMENTS.
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